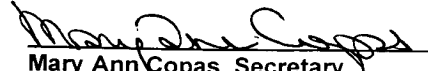




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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 08/14/2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, the following comments are offered.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 33, 34, 43, 46, 54 and 55 would be allowable. However, in view of the following comments it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 30 – 57 should be allowable.

In particular, claim 30 of the instant application provides an apparatus for coating substrates, and comprises: a substrate holder 5 for holding thereon a substrate 13 in such a way that a surface 15 of the substrate that is to be coated is exposed and